provides financial assistance for establishing cold storages in the cooperative sector. Besides, there is a Scheme for Development of Infrastructural Facilities, which is being implemented by the Department of Food Processing Industries (DFPI). One of the components of this Scheme is to provide financial assistance for establishment of cold chain facilities and cold storages for horticultural produce and other items. Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is also giving grant-in-aid for setting up modified/controlled atmosphere cold storages for export purposes. In order to give a major thrust to the development of cold storages and storages, Government have recently approved a Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulutre Produce for implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1999-2002) to be implemented by the National Horticulture Board.

Guideline for Appointment of Warden of IASRI

1526. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agriculture Statistical Research Institute (IASRI) under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) had framed any guideline for the appointment of warden in IASRI student hostel;

(b) if so, whether the competent authority of IASRI, followed the set guidelines and rules for the appointment of warden in IASRI student hostel during the period 1994-95;

(c) if not, whether the competent authority of IASRI is planning to frame guidelines for the appointment of warden in IASRI student hostel; and

(d) whether the license fee from the warden appointed in the IASRI student hostel is being collected for the period 1994-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No such approved guidelines/criteria exist in IASRI. Warden is appointed by the competent authority for the smooth functioning of the hostels, guest houses etc;

(b) In 1994 Warden at IASRI student hostel was appointed by the competent authority after considering the necessary parameters by a duly constituted Committee which was subsequently approved by the ICAR for a period of five years by keeping in view the tenure of Wardens in other ICAR deemed Universities.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) The residential accommodation provided to Warden is rent free as per ICAR's guidelines.

Cost of Cash Crops

1527. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to ease land ceiling laws for cash crops like jute, cotton, cashew and sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government plan to reduce the cost of cash crops in view of the liberalised situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal with the Government to ease land ceiling laws for cash crops like jute, cotton, cashew and sugar.

(c) The Government is implementing schemes/programmes like (i) Special Jute Development Programme (ii) Intensive Cotton Development Programme (iii) Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System and (iv) Centrally Sponsored Integrated Development Programme of Cashew through which financial assistance/Incentives are provided for inputs like: seeds and planting material and equipments etc. Chemical fertilisers like: Urea, DAP and MOP are already subsidised.

Commercialisation of Agriculture Production

1528. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: